



Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz June 30, 2014

There are a few items in the DOE Dialogue that I want to call to your attention:

- Press release regarding Indiana being one of 15 states "Meeting Requirements" - now using new achievement measures of NAEP reading and mathematics in addition to the state's compliance matrix
- ESEA Flexibility Waiver link to view final submission materials
- WIDA professional development grant opportunity

Enjoy the nation's Independence Day celebration!!

Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.



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ESEA Flexibility Waiver

ESEA Flexibility Waiver: The Indiana Department of Education submitted its application for a waiver from aspects of No Child Left Behind today. The application was submitted to the United States Department of Education. A copy of the waiver application can be found here <http://www.doe.in.gov/eSEA>. The DOE Dialogue from this date forward will have a regular section with regards to ESEA flexibility. If you have any questions please contact Jeff Coyne at jcoyne@doe.in.gov. ([see press release](#))

IDOE Memoranda

MEMORANDUM: US Special Education and Rehabilitative Services announces new accountability framework that raises the bar for State Special Education Programs. U.S. Department of Education has determined state performance under The Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services Announces a \$50 million Technical Assistance Center to improve the educational outcomes of America's 6.5 million children and youth with disabilities, the U.S. Department of Education announced a major shift in the way it oversees the effectiveness of states' special education programs. For further information see attached [press release](#)

MEMORANDUM : The Indiana Department of Education is excited to be joining 160 other agencies and companies to collect school supplies for the nearly 33,000 Marion County students needing help with back to school supplies. Backpack Attack, coordinated with United Way, relies on donations of school supplies to help provide students with the needed materials to begin their school year successfully. From now until July 22, the IDOE will be collecting school supplies for Marion County students. Beginning tomorrow morning, bins will be placed on each of our work floors and areas to assist with the collection of supplies. The bins will then be delivered to a warehouse at IUPUI. After the supplies have been collected and sorted, students and families needing help with back to school supplies will be invited to a "Distribution Day" at Tech High School. Thank you for helping students begin their new school year with a backpack of needed school supplies!

The collection bins are located on the 5th floor of the PNC Building by the elevators, the 6th floor of the PNC Building in the lobby, and at the Statehouse outside of Room 227. If you have questions regarding the Back-to-School Supply Drive or bin placement, contact DeVonne Richburg at drichburg@doe.in.gov. Drive Dates: June 24-July 22

MEMORANDUM: Supplemental WIDA PD Grant Opportunity -The IDOE Office of English Learning and Migrant Education is pleased to announce a supplemental grant opportunity to assist school districts in the implementation of the WIDA English language development (ELD) standards through the purchase of WIDA materials, training on the WIDA standards, and curricula integration with WIDA. The estimated time to complete this brief grant application is 10 minutes. The application is found online [HERE](#). School districts may wish to utilize [Indiana's WIDA Implementation Guide](#) while planning for this supplemental grant.

The grant due date is July 31, 2014. Funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2014 and liquidated by December 15, 2014. This grant opportunity is in addition to a school district's regular Title III or [NESP grants](#). Funding authorizations for each district can be found in the [attached document](#). (\$3.82 per LEP student) Please reference the [memo](#) for further information. If you have any questions, please contact nwilliamson@doe.in.gov or 317-233-0786. ([see memorandum](#))

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Professional Development

HANDS, some of our most popular trainings are our **intensive trainings** and now, for the first time, we are offering **administrators and team leaders** the opportunity to participate in a 2-day training tailored just for them! The training will focus on providing participants with the essential components to programming with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and related disabilities. Additionally, training will offer coaching on the integration of newly released administrative tools developed by HANDS to complement other evaluation tools currently utilized by administrators and teams to evaluate classroom and programming outcomes. The offered tools will increase the efficiency and focus with which administrators and team leaders are able to implement and document evaluations.

HANDS in Autism® Administrator and Team Leader Training: Tools and Process for Effective and Efficient Program Evaluations will take place at the HANDS in Autism® office from August 6-7, 2014. For more information and to apply online, please visit <https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/handsIntensive.html>.

Education Service Centers will be offering RISE Teacher Evaluation Training between June 2014 and September 2014. Below are the scheduled dates and their registration sites:

- West Central ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wciesc.k12.in.us>)

- Wilson Center ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wesc.k12.in.us>)
- Region 8 ESC: July 23-24, 2014 (<http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us>)
- Northern Indiana ESC: July 29-31, 2014 (<http://www.niesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wabash Valley ESC: July 29-30, 2014 (<http://www.esc5.k12.in.us>)
- Southern Indiana ESC: August 27-28, 2014 (<http://www.siec.k12.in.us>)
- Northwest Indiana ESC: September 4-5, 2014 (<http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us>)
- Central Indiana ESC: September 18-19, 2014 (<http://www.ciesc.k12.in.us>)

Central Indiana Educational Services, (CIESC) offers a variety of professional learning workshops, to view these events visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us, view events calendar on right side bar or click on Services, then Professional Learning.

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Information from Other Agencies

Food and Nutrition Service - Extension of the Deadline for Local Educational Agencies to Submit Applications to Elect the Community Eligibility Provision.

One important goal of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (HHFKA) is to ensure every American child has access to the nutrition they need to grow into healthy adults. The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) is a powerful tool to ensure children in low income communities have access to healthy meals at school. CEP allows participatin high-poverty schools to offer healthy free lunches and breakfasts to all students without requiring their families to complete individual applications. Once initial eligibility and claiming percentages are established under CEP, they are guaranteed for four school years.

Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) recognizes that many LEAs may need additional time to consider and apply for CEP, so the deadline for LEAs to elect to participate in CEP in school year 2014-2015 has been extended to August 31, 2014. The CEP webpage (<http://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/community-eligibility-provision>) includes Title I guidance, Q&A guidance, and tools to assist LEAs as they consider implementing this important provision. [The USDA memo is attached.](#)

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